

**Comparison of CPS Compromise Bill to Governor's Original Proposal**

<b>GOVERNOR'S ORIGINAL PROPOSAL</b>	<b>HB2024</b>	<b>Accepted with Modifications</b>	<b>Not in Bill</b>
<b><u>Policy Issues</u></b>			
<b>Mission of CPS:</b> Clarify in statute that the purpose of CPS is to protect children from abuse and neglect.	ü		
<b>Substance Abuse:</b> Clarify in statute that the abuse of alcohol or drugs must be considered as <u>a factor</u> in determining whether a child has been neglected, including such use during pregnancy, if the child, at birth, is demonstrably adversely affected.	ü		
Require <b>100% response</b> by Child Protective Services; amend statute so that CPS refers cases to the Family Builders provider for services only after CPS has investigated the report.	ü		
Require <b>joint investigations</b> by law enforcement and CPS of felony child abuse and neglect cases. Require CPS caseworkers to receive forensic training to assist law enforcement in their criminal investigations. Establish protocols in each county for how to conduct joint investigations.	ü		
<b>Disposition of Criminal Referrals:</b> Require that the disposition of all felony child abuse cases referred to the county attorney be reported to law enforcement and CPS within 90 days of the referral. Require regular reporting to the legislature regarding the disposition of felony child abuse cases.		ü Notification of case status and an annual report provision are to be included in county protocols.	
Rewrite <b>confidentiality laws</b> to allow information to be shared to the extent allowed by federal law.	ü		
Expand the <b>open hearings pilot project</b> to include rural areas at the option of the presiding superior court judge.		ü Pilot expanded to all counties.	
Establish <b>"in-home intervention"</b> as an alternative to a formal dependency process where that process is stayed if the child can remain safely in the home and the parents agree to participate in services; allow for the juvenile court to intervene and reinstate the dependency process if the parents fail to comply.	ü		
Provide that the <b>Central Registry</b> may be checked for employment purposes with any state agency or contractor that provides services to children or vulnerable adults.	ü		
<b><u>Appropriation</u></b>			
Request \$27,050,100 to retain CPS staff and to maintain adoption subsidies, permanent guardianship subsidies and essential services to children and families in this fiscal year.		ü 10,300,000. DES Director will continue to look for funds; Legislature to address remaining shortfall in regular session.	
Request \$1,953,500 to ensure that the CPS case managers have manageable workloads at Child Welfare of America League standards.	ü	Same amount	
Request \$3,773,000 to allow for 100% investigation of reports by CPS.		ü \$1,953,500. Based on reduced estimate of the number of positions needed to investigate 100% of the reports.	
Request \$1,473,300 to provide sufficient salaries to recruit and retain qualified staff.	ü	\$1,562,400. Includes stipend for case workers who do investigations.	
Request \$1,010,700 to increase reimbursement rates for foster parents to more nearly reflect the cost of care.	ü	Same amount	
Request \$103,500 to replace obsolete information technology equipment.	ü	Same amount	